

MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF ELLINGTON  
JANUARY 10, 2005

Electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings were hereby warned that a Special Town Meeting would be held on Monday, January 10, 2005 at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time at the Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Ellington, Connecticut, to act upon the following:

First Selectman Dennis C. Milanovich called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m., and then asked for nominations for a Moderator

**Dennis Frawley** nominated **A. Leo Miller** moderator seconded by  
**Peter Charter**, vote by acclamation was unanimous, motion so carried.

The Moderator then read the warning for the meeting, which was published in the Journal Inquirer on January 5, 2005 and is recorded in these records proceeding these minutes.

1. To discuss and vote upon a resolution,

(a) to appropriate \$335,000 for the purchase of a 2,000 gallon, 6-man cab engine tanker for the Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department, as recommended by Boards of Selectmen and Finance. The appropriation may be used for acquisition costs, equipment, legal fees, net temporary interest and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project;

(b) to authorize the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes or leases of the Town in an amount not to exceed \$335,000; to provide that the amount of bonds or notes and leases authorized to be issued shall be reduced by any grants received for the project;

(c) to authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer of the Town to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes and leases; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes or leases;

(d) to take such action to allow temporary advances of available funds which the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed from the proceeds of borrowings; and to authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes and leases authorized by the resolution if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years;

(e) to authorize the First Selectman and the Finance Officer to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes or leases to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes and leases;

(f) to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman, the Finance Officer and other proper officers of the Town to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project and to issue bonds or notes and leases to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

(g) Trade-in values of all old apparatus to be applied toward the project.

**Michael Stupinski** made the motion to approve item 1 as warned, seconded by **Nancy Way**,

At this time the Moderator asked if anyone would like to speak to the motion.

Ernest Boothroyd questioned trade in values wanting to know if the old apparatus was being sold outright or traded in. David Wright of the Crystal Lake Volunteer Fire Department stated they were selling the truck outright as they would get a higher value for it. Mr. Boothroyd then stated section g of the warning should be amended to reflect such sale.

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**Peter Charter** made the motion to amend section (g) to be Trade-in values **or resale proceeds** of all old apparatus to be applied toward the project seconded by **Nancy Way**, vote by acclamation was unanimous, motion so carried.

Ernest Boothroyd then wanted clarification on the type of transmission. David Wright informed Mr. Boothroyd It was an Allison transmission model 6000m with 6 forward speeds.

Robert Clements member of the Board of Finance was concerned with the terminology of the warning; he stated the Board of Finance had approved a 5 year lease purchase agreement with a payment of \$75,000.00 per year. Mr. Clements stated the Board had been opposed to any long term bonds or financing, he further stated the Board felt the 5 year option was the most palatable from a budgetary stand point and in getting the job done as soon as possible.

Mark Joyse identified himself as a member of the Board of Finance and stated, "It might be as easy as saying that we are passing this in accordance with the resolution passed by the Board of Finance, because then your taking into account the fact that a lease purchase was authorized".

After a lengthy discussion with various points of view from a variety of individuals a motion was made and agreed to by those in attendance to amend the resolution to include a section **(h)** as follows

**Michael Stupinski** made the motion to amend said resolution **to add a section (h)** to the resolution stating that the above language notwithstanding, the intent of this resolution is to purchase the apparatus through a lease purchase program not to exceed 5 years, seconded by **Dennis Milanovich**, vote by acclamation was unanimous, motion so carried.

At this time the Moderator then asked for a show of hands for those in attendance that were not eligible to vote in Town Meetings. There were 10 non-eligible people present.

The Moderator then asked for a show of hands of those eligible to vote, to vote on the original motion to approve said resolution, **88 Yes 0 No and 0 abstentions**. Motion so carries

**Dennis Milanovich** made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Seconded by **Dennis Frawley**, vote by acclamation was unanimous, motion so carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia J. Lacaprucia, Town Clerk      received for record      01/12/05